

SUPERBASE'S LEADING USERS GROUP

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To : SUPERBASE USERS;

When you have a problem in using Superbase, you generally try to do one of two things. Solve it yourself by reading the manuals or find some one else who is knowledgeable in Superbase and has the time plus the inclination to help you. Sometimes that can be hard to do and frustrating at the least.

Superbase's Leading Users Group is providing you with another alternative for help. We are a group of Superbase users which have experienced those same problems and are doing something about it. Many users from across the United States have asked to become members and we really were not in a position to help them. We were just a local group helping each other and being very successful at that. Due to the requests, we are kicking off Superbase's Leading Users Group on a national basis. We feel that a method has been developed so that help can be provided to anyone.

Last page has dues information.

All permanent members agree to help each other, when ever they are capable and are able.

Therefore, starting in January, 1991; all of the permanent members will receive a list of the permanent membership showing name, address, and telephone also version being used. This will provide a network of Superbase users across the nation who are willing to receive help and to give help. We may have to go to a knowledge ranking later on so that beginners are not bothered by telephone calls asking for information which they do not possess.

We have formed a Superbase BBS as part of another BBS (Alki Express). While the BBS is located in Seattle, Washington, it will have several national advantages. It is a multi-tasking and multi-line BBS. It is accessible by way of electronic mail from several of the nets. It has a common message area for Superbase (regardless of version), but the libraries are separated by computer (IBM - Amiga - Atari). We may have to breakdown the IBM library by Windows, Gem and LAN; which will be done if the necessity arises.

We will have a newsletter that will be mailed to all permanent members. This is what can create a substantial raise in the dues structure. There are so many uncertainties regarding this one item, that rather than make promises which can't be kept; we feel that the newsletter will have to evolve, regarding schedule, going from copied sheets to printed sheets to slick sheets, and finally the content. We do however want it to contain Superbase news and programming examples.

One member wondered if other members would be interested in Superbase videos, which would be produced by local members, then rented to the permanent members. It is anticipated that the rent would cover the handling and a prorated of the production materials.

Only because a user group is doing the above - it can be accomplished for a minimum of expense. Remember - A User Groups Help To You - Starts With Support Of It.

Here is how the current operating systems and versions stack up.

Amiga

The present version is 3.2, but look for a new version any day now. It will be a single user version of 4.0. The LAN version is being held up because Commodore just can not get their act together software-wise.

Atari

The present version is 3.2 and do not look for a new version beyond this. This is primarily because Atari Corp. has decided that they do not want to pay conversion costs.

Gem 3 or 4

The present version is 4.02 and do not look for a new gem version beyond this. The return to Precision Inc. just was not enough to make it worthwhile.

Windows

The present version is 1.2 and there will be a bug-fix version probably next month (1.21).

LAN

The present version is 1.2 under Windows, however when Commodore gets their act together and produces the software for networking then Precision will be ready to release an Amiga LAN version. The Windows LAN version may receive the bug-fix but that will be after the single user windows version.

November Tip

Passwords

Most members are familiar with the password setup for the opening of files and how it prevents unauthorized tinkering with those files.

Suppose that you want to prevent an unauthorized person from even running the DML program and doing damage in that manner.

Those of you which have the Windows version can turn to page 25-4 of the Application Guide. Use Requester 23:

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REQUEST "Please type your password","and press <RETURN> ",23,a%,a$
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IF a$ = "" OR a% = 0 THEN END
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GOSUB encrypt
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REM Encryption algorithms tend to be quite long and so none is included. Assume that it returns enc$.
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LOOKUP (enc$,Code."Passwords")
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IF NOT FOUND THEN ? "Sorry, you have typed an invalid password."
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END
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END IF
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REM Determine user access.
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access% = valid."PASSWORDS"
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ON access% GOTO route1, route2, route3
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The above, a little imagination and use of the function PROTECT will enable you to pretty well seal up a program.

Remember PASSWORD is Case sensitive.

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MEETING NOTICE November 1990

For Beginners:

We are going to start with the Project menu and go across and through the menus, item by item. We probably won't finish during this meeting, so it will be continued.

For Advanced:

How about variations on Filters? All members are encouraged to bring in their favorite, as no one person can think of all the variations.

These meetings are being held for your benefit and we would appreciate ideas relating to subjects to be either presented or discussed.

We will try to show demonstrations and examples on the screen by way of:

An Amiga 1000 and a Sharp portable video projector provided to us by Richard Drummond.

Remember we are presently meeting on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm.

As of January, 1991 we will be switching meeting nights to the third Tuesday of each month.

Downstairs Auditorium in the South Office of
Snohomish County PUD # 1
21018 Highway 99
Lynnwood, Wa.

Two methods of paying dues:

a. \$ 2.00 per meeting attended.

This is for those persons wanting to attend a particular meeting but do not want to become a permanent member.

You may have wanted to solve a problem you were having, or you just want to listen to a particular speaker or about a subject that interests you. You will also receive future Meeting Notices.

b. \$ 15.00 per year - Permanent Member

This allows attendance to all meetings. You will have access to the local Superbase BBS and receive copies of our Newsletter as it published. (No promises on the newsletter regarding schedule. We remember Precisions Journal and those promises only too well.)

All funds received are used for mailings, notifications and other items relating to the meetings.